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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

JEGLA et al.

Application No.: 09/921,159

Filed: August 1, 2001

For: SLO2 AND SLO4, NOVEL
POTASSIUM CHANNEL PROTEINS
FROM HUMAN BRAIN

Examiner: Michael D. Pak

Art Unit: 1646

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement mailed October 3, 2003, Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-10, 22 and 23, drawn to nucleic acids corresponding to SEQ ID NOS: 3 and 4, expression vectors comprising same, and host cells comprising same.

The foregoing election is made with traverse, as the eighteen groups set forth by the Examiner all stem from a common concept and theory, and are thus related. As such, prosecution of the claims of Groups I-XVIII would not place a substantially


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greater burden on the Examiner. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the Restriction Requirement and consider all the claims together.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

Respectfully submitted,


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